

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 4509

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, PBOR, LE  
SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: RETURN OF REFUGEES

REF: BEIRUT 1771

1. WE HAVE QUERIED WEIZMAN AND THE IDF SEPARATELY CONCERNING REPORTED POLICY (REFTel) NOT TO ALLOW REFUGEES TO RETURN NORTH ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO ENTER SOUTH LEBANON. WEIZMAN WAS UNAWARE OF SUCH A POLICY, BUT PROMISED TO LOOK INTO SITUATION. HIS PERSONAL ASSISTANT COLONEL TEHILA HAS NOW INFORMED US THAT THE NORTHERN COMMAND DENIES SUCH A POLICY IS IN FORCE. TEHILA SPECULATED THAT BECAUSE THERE ARE RIGOROUS SECURITY CHECKS BEING CONDUCTED BY IDF IN SOUTH LEBANON IN A EFFORT TO WEED OUT RETURNING TERRORISTS, IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT INNOCENT RETURNING REFUGEES HAVE BEEN GIVEN A ROUGH TIME BY OVER ZEALOUS IDF PERSONNEL. BUT HE INSISTED THAT SO FAR AS HE COULD ASCERTAIN NO ONE IS BEING TOLD HE CANNOT RETURN TO THE  
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NORTH SHOULD HE WISH.

2. IDF AUTHORITIES HAVE ALSO INDEPENDENTLY INFORMED US THAT NO SUCH POLICY EXISTS AND THAT REFUGEES ARE ALLOWED TO RETURN NORTH IF THEY SO DESIRE.

3. WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT OVERZEALOUS LOCAL IDF GUARDS

AT A CHECKPOINT MAY INDEED HAVE TOLD OR AT LEAST LEFT  
IMPRESSION WITH REFUGEES THAT ONCE IN THEY WOULD NOT BE  
ALLOWED TO EXIT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEIRUT MONITORING  
THE SITUATION AND, IF IT RECURS, PLEASE ADVISE WITH SPECIFICS  
AS TO LOCATION AND TIME OF INCIDENT. IF NECESSARY, WE WILL  
GO BACK TO THE IDF, BUT IT IS ALWAYS EASIER TO DEAL WITH  
THEM IF WE CAN PRESENT A SPECIFIC SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.  
LEWIS

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